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1. The population in the area of Knyazhpogost ( N62-38, E50-50) , Komi ASSR, a locality on the Vym River on the railroad to Vorkuta, is composed of forced laborers and discharged convicts.
2. There are an estimated 40 to 60 forced labor camps in this region. The forced laborers who worked as lumberjacks lived in camps of about 1,000 men each. About 80 percent of them were Soviet citizens. At the Symka Camp, 50 percent were Soviet citizens detained for political reasons; 40 percent were criminals; and ten percent were foreigners, and this group included ten Chinese, 20 Iranians, 20 Germans, 15 ethnic Germans, and 35 Rumanians.
3. The local population was composed of discharged convicts who lived a very primitive life in settlements of about 500 inhabitants. The majority were citizens of the Soviet Union, but some were citizens of other countries. They also worked as lumberjacks or in the local sawmills. All of them were bitter enemies of the Soviet regime and hoped some day to be liberated by the West.

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